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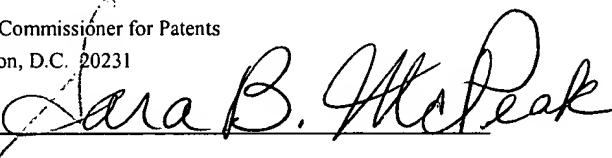
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows (all claims are set forth for convenient reference):

1. (As filed) A stent for placement in a bifurcated body lumen having a main branch and a side branch, said stent comprising:

a main tubular stent body having a first end, a second end, a lumen therethrough, and a side opening having a plurality of laterally deployable elements therein.